health facilities. The anti-retroviral therapy for AIDS patients with CD4 count of less than 200 is provided free of cost in Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, King George Medical College, Lucknow and LLRM Medical College, Meerut in U.P., Govt. Medical College, Rohtak in Haryana and Civil Hospital, Jalandhar and Govt. Medical College, Amritsar in Punjab.

(c) There is no cure for AIDS. The treatment keeps the viral multiplication under control and is life long.

(d) No financial assistance is given to these patients. 122 Community Care Centres have been set up all over the country for terminally ill AIDS cases. These include 1 each in Haryana and U.P.

Food Adulteration

2341. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the food adulteration;

(b) if so, what steps Government ar taking to check this;

(c) what is the institutional or any other machinery to check food adulteration; and

(d) what trader-friendly steps are being taken to firm up the institutional mechanism to check food adulteration without causing unnecessary harassment to traders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):(a) to (c) To check food adulteration, a legislation called "The Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954" has been enacted. This Act is enforced in the States/UTs through their enforcement machinery comprising of Food (Health) Authority, Local (Health) Authorities and Food Inspectors, who take samples of food commodities sold in the market to check adulteration in food.

(d) The Central Committee for Food Standards (CCFS), which is statutory Committee to advise Central Government on all matters relating to implementation of the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA)

Act, 1954 and PFA Rules, 1955, has members from the industry and trades to provide their view point /inputs in setting and finalization of food standards/specifications, amendments to rules etc.

Implementation of RTI Act in CGHS dispensaries in Delhi

2342. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the light to Information Act has been implemented in relation to CGHS dispensaries in Delhi;

(b) if so, in what manner and since when;

(c) the details of Information Officers for each dispensary in Delhi and the steps, if any, taken to publicise the same;

(d) the number of applications received so far, in respect of each dispensary; and

(e) the means provided to the Information Officers for dealing with such applications efficiently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Instructions regarding implementation of Right to Information Act in CGHS dispensaries appointing CMO in-charge of each dispensaries/ polyclinic/unit as Central Public Information Officers (CPIO) and Appellate Authority have been issued *vide* O.M. No. 4-16/2005-CGHS/VC/765-774 dated 21.9.2005 and letter No. 4-16/2005-CGHS/VC/831 dated 29.9.2005.

The CPIOs have been instructed to give wide publicity by placing the information regarding this act on the notice board for information of the beneficiaries. Also the list of the CPIOs, important circulars and note about CGHS has been placed on the website www.mohfw.nic.in under CGHS captioned Right to Information Act.

(d) As per information available one application has been received under RTI Act in respect of Srinivaspuri Maternity Centre.

(e) At present the work relating to implementation of RTI Act is being handled by existing staff.